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Office Winter Hours -
Labor Day to Memorial
Day

Monday 10am-2pm
Tuesday 10am-8pm
Wednesday 10am-
8pm
Thursday 10am-2pm
Friday 10am-2pm
Saturday 9am-2pm
Sunday **CLOSED**



Central MA and Greater Boston MSCYPAA *present*
SPONSOR—SPONSEE PANCAKE BRUNCH
Saturday March 21—10AM—12:30PM
Unitarian Church, 13 Maple Street, Mendon MA
Suggested Donation— \$6 one ticket, \$10 for two
Come have brunch with your sponsor or sponsee, or find
a sponsor
See the flyer on page 7 of the digital Beacon

MSPYCAA XXIV

Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in A.A.
August 21-23, 2020

MSCYPAA offers panels, workshops, sober dances, marathon meetings, sobriety countdowns - fun, fellowship, and recovery!

The Sheraton, 1657 Worcester Rd. Framingham MA

Flyer and mail-in registration form on pg. 10 of the digital *Beacon*

MSPYCAA is also planning to host a *Mardi Gras Dance*, 2/29/2020, and a 'Family Feud' YPAA Edition event in March
For more info on any listed event contact —mscypaaxxiv@gmail.com
or see <https://mscypaa.com/events/>

Worcester Intergroup Office Announcements:

**NEW ITEM—WAI now sells Gift Certificates! Perfect Sponsor/
Sponsee gift!**

**On April 1st, Worcester's plastic bag ban takes effect and we will
no longer have them available. Please plan to bring your own
reusable bags!**

A.A. General Service Conference—April 19-25 Rye Brook NY
Conference Agenda on pages 18-23 of the digital *Beacon*

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Step Three:

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

I am responsible...

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

Tradition Three

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Isn't every organization entitled to have rules for membership? Why did A.A. decide to forgo this privilege, to be "inclusive...never exclusive"? That's easy. Early members tried it the other way, and it just didn't work. As the Fellowship was nearing its ten-year mark, the office that served as headquarters "asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in," Bill W. recalled. "If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once, it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined A.A. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by!" So the rule books went out the window and were replaced by one uncomplicated sentence: Tradition Three.

But, somebody may ask, isn't this Tradition itself a rule? It does state one requirement for membership. Let's read it again, and ask another question: Who determines whether or not newcomers qualify, whether they do want to stop drinking? Obviously, nobody except the newcomers themselves; everybody else simply has to take their word for it. In fact, they don't even have to say it aloud. And that's fortunate for many of us who arrived at A.A. with only a halfhearted desire to stay sober. We are alive because the A.A. road stayed open to us. The problem faced by this Tradition isn't just past A.A. history. It keeps coming up—for instance, when a group debates whether to exclude alcoholics who have problems other than alcohol or have differing lifestyles. The Tradition mentions no such additional requirements, no demand that prospective members must not have a history of drug abuse, a certain lifestyle, or an institutional background.

All alcoholics are welcome.

What about the group that seems to impose extra requirements, beyond "a desire to stop drinking"? This might be a "special interest" group or collection of groups in which, for example, each member must be a physician—or a young person, a man, a woman, a priest, or a law-enforcement officer. By their own account, those attending special interest groups consider themselves A.A. members first. They attend general-membership meetings as well as those that fill their other individual needs, and they remain devoted to A.A.'s primary purpose. These "special interest" groups offer only one instance of the diverse and inclusive membership within our Fellowship. Our Traditions allow unparalleled freedom, not only to every A.A. member, but to every A.A. group.

From **The TWELVE TRADITIONS Illustrated**—Copyright© 1971 A.A. World Services.

Group Anniversary—Marlboro Sunday Night BBSS

Sunday, April 19th with food starting at 6pm and a meeting starting at 7pm— 31 Main Street in Marlboro, MA. All are welcome.

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"True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the profound desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God."

TWELVE AND TWELVE—P. 123 & PP. 124-125



Deadline....

....for information to go into the April issue of *The Beacon* is March 16, 2020. Please send to:

Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St.,
Suite 314
Worcester, MA
01605
or e-mail to:
Beacon@aaworcestert.org

**Planning a special event?
Let us know about it!**

E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to:
Beacon@aaworcestert.org

Meeting List Changes

NEW

WEBSTER—Tuesday & Thursday 10-11am at Serenity Hall, 6 Mechanic St. Tuesday is OD, Thursday is OSpD

TURN THE PAGE—Webster—Open Big Book Workshop Tuesday nights 5:45-6:45p 10 Mechanic St. Opening the Word Recovery Center Starting Dec 3

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE— TRUST AND RELY - Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM, Room 107A (Administration Building) No Smoking Anywhere On Campus!! Living Sober Discussion., the Administration Building
WORCESTER—BACK TO BASICS— Friday Back To Basics 7:00-8:30PM;
CALL WORCESTER INTERGROUP FOR LOCATION INFO

TIME CHANGE

WESTBORO – GET WELL SLOWLY—Sunday night is now 7:30-8:30PM

WHITENVILLE— MONDAY NIGHT STEP - 31 linwood st. NEW time 7pm - 815pm

WORCESTER YOUNG PEOPLE TUESDAY— St. Matthew's Church, 695 Southbridge St.—7:30-8:45PM

WORCESTER—BB164 - Thursdays - is now only 1 hour, 6:30-7:30pm.

FORMAT CHANGE

HOPEDALE — 2nd CHANCE—Thursday 8-9PM, format is now C12SPD.

NAME CHANGE

WEBSTER—SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE is now **DROP THE ROCK**

LGBT and ALLIES in RECOVERY— WORCESTER—MONDAY NIGHT- from 7-8:15pm at St. Matthew's is now **RAINBOW RECOVERY**

MOVED

WORCESTER— Wednesday BBSS (7:00pm) has moved to Wesley U.M. Church, 114 Main St., Please use the State St entrance

SUNDAY NIGHT SHREWSBURY SIMPLE STEPS - Has a new address - 7-8PM, First Congregational Church, 19 Church Road Shrewsbury, MA 01545

GROUPS CLOSING

WESTBORO — Monday Night Big Book group is closed.

ATHOL—Tuesday Night Women's meeting is closed

QUINEBOG CROSSROADS— meeting is closed

TEMPORARY GROUP LOCATIONS

ALTHOL—the Athol *Back to Basics* meeting has moved to The Masonic Temple, located at 336 Main St. in Athol, MA. from 12 noon to 1 pm.

- **M-F BACK TO BASICS:** noon - 1pm Athol Credit Union - back door entrance to community room 521 Main St

- **SATURDAY NOON, SUNDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS & TUESDAY**

ORIGINAL meetings —all meet now at Recovery Center 419 Main St.

"Such is the paradox of A.A. regeneration: strength arising out of complete defeat and weakness, the loss of one's old life as a condition for finding a new one."

A.A. COMES OF AGE, P. 46

Group Inventories/ Group Conscience

Many groups periodically hold a "group inventory meeting" to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through A.A.'s suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles. Any groups looking to facilitate a group inventory/group conscience, please email d25DCM@aaworcester.org.

WAI's ONLINE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

The new WAI Bookie Exchange portal enables Bookies from local towns to quickly find groups seeking commitments and/or post a request.

Open slots are listed by town

BookieXchange.aaworcester.org

Worcester Area Intergroup Faithful Fiver Form

The Faith Fiver idea came about when we remembered that we wasted much more than five dollars each month during our drinking days. "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer." Bill W, *Language of the Heart*

YES, I want to help continue to carry our life-saving message of hope.

I will pay Annually(\$60) Quarterly(\$15) Monthly(\$5)

Here is my contribution of \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (in case of questions): _____

Please make check payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

WAI INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

Parking lot for the WAI office is on the side of building and requires an access code —or action by office staff—to open the gate allowing entry. Call the office at the entry gate kiosk and office personnel will remotely open the gate for you.

SPREAD the word: DON'T park in the attended lot across the street from the WAI office. The lot is private parking only and is not for Intergroup visitors.

WAI office staff **CANNOT** validate a parking ticket for that lot. The lot attendant **WILL charge you \$15** to exit the lot without a validated ticket!

Give back what was freely given to you...

The WAI Treatment committee needs your help to fill badly needed commitments in treatment centers in the Worcester area. For a list of treatment locations and commitment calendars, see below for: **<http://aaworcester.org/>** and click on "Treatment Facilities"

Help is needed at the Westborough Behavioral Healthcare Hospital with weekend commitments for their Dual Diagnosis program. For schedule details—Email: treatment@aaworcester.org or see announcements and calendars on pages 11–17 of the digital Beacon

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting has a new location— Salem Covenant Church, 215 Mountain Street East, Worcester.

Parking and Meeting Room is in the rear.

Intergroup Steering Committee - See Above New Location Notice, 6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - See Above New Location Notice, 7:00 pm

**The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*

District 25 General Service Committee—St. Joan of Arc Church, Lincoln Street Worcester, MA—meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

District 26 General Service Committee—Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church Hall, 118 Theresa St., Fitchburg, meets first Thursday of the month 7:00pm AA members welcome—please come join us!

AREA 30 Eastern Mass. General Service Committee — Belmont / Watertown United Methodist Church 421 Common St., Belmont—4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 1/1/20)

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HALT LINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Intergroup HALT line needs volunteers to cover open time slots. The HALT line is there to assist any alcoholic needing to find a meeting. This is service work that really matters.

See the flyer on page 10 of the digital **Beacon**

The Beacon—Subscription Form

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605
Attn: The Beacon

12 Step Volunteer Application

Name (First name and last initial): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Towns you will accept calls from: _____

Hours that you are available: _____

I wish to help (please circle *all* that apply): Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

I am willing to (please circle):

Talk to a person on the phone Go to a persons home to talk *

Give rides to AA Meetings Give rides to Detox * Meet someone at a meeting

Other (please specify) _____

**It is suggested that a person NOT make a Twelfth Step call alone to help an alcoholic who is still suffering. Also you should NOT drive a wet drunk to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. member with you. If you circled either of these items, please be sure that you have another member of A.A. that is available and willing to go along with you.*

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Mail to: **Worcester Area Intergroup**. All Anniversaries submitted will be published the month following submission. Please contact the newsletter Editor at beacon@aaworcester.org if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.

**CENTRAL MASS BID
& GREATER BOSTON BID
FOR MSCYPAA**


presents:

**SPONSOR SPONSEE
PANCAKE BRUNCH**

**SATURDAY
March
21st**

10am-12:30pm

Unitarian Church
13 Maple St
Mendon, MA 01756



Massachusetts Young People in AA defines young as "room to grow." Come have brunch with your sponsor or sponsees, or find a sponsor.

* Meeting starts at 10AM with brunch and fellowship to follow.

Suggested Donation:

\$6 - 1 ticket

\$10 - 2 tickets

EACYPAA XVIII

PITTSBURGH PA MARCH 26-29 2020

WESTIN CONVENTION CENTER

EACYPAA2020.ORG



Our Pick Struck

GOLD

MSCYPAA XXIV

Massachusetts State Conference
Of Young People in A.A.

Reality & Beauty of the Forest



Hotel:

The Sheraton
1657 Worcester Rd.
Framingham, Ma

Room Rate:

\$115 Single Kings
\$115 Double Fulls

Date:

August 21-23, 2020



Mail Completed Form To:
PO BOX 674, S. Easton, Ma. 02375

Pre-Registration Cost:

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Sobriety Date: _____

Home Group: _____

Do You Need A Translator? Yes No **Language:** _____

Do You Require Special Assistance? Yes No

Do You Want To Be Of Service At The Conference? Yes No

Do You Want To Help Outreach Events/ the Conference? Yes No

For More Information, Visit www.msccypaa.com, or Email msccypaaaxxiv@gmail.com

HALT Line Volunteers needed

What the HALT line is:

One alcoholic talking to another alcoholic --- Isn't that what A.A. is all about?

One might:

- *Give out meeting time and location information.
- *Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink.
- *Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic who is visiting the area.
- *Talk to a "drunk". You may be the link in the chain that could save their life.
- *Refer a caller to the Intergroup Office and inform them of the office hours.

This is a very easy way to do service from the convenience of your own home.

What you need to be a volunteer:

*1 year of sobriety is suggested because the first year needs focus on recovery before such service.

*Meeting lists (we suggest District 26 and Worcester Area). These are available free of charge from Worcester Area Intergroup and are available on the Website www.aaworcester.org or use the App MeetingGuide on your cell phone.



*3 or more hours of time during the week that you will be available to answer calls. This is done from your own home or cell phone. You do not have to answer as A.A. you can simply answer and when asked say you are "Answering for Worcester Area Intergroup, how can I help you?"



Please call Donna H., the HALT Line chair, at 508-735-8559 or email her at donnaaham@charter.net or send an email to haltline@aaworcester.org

Mar 1 - May 31, 2020

March 2020

Mon Mar 2	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Tue Mar 3	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Wed Mar 4	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Tue Mar 10	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Thu Mar 12	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Sat Mar 21	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Tue Mar 24	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Wed Mar 25	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Sun Mar 29	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Tue Mar 31	All day	Adcare - 107 Lincoln Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE

CHL, MYR and Passages

Calendars

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DETOX

MYR (Motivating Youth Rec...

March 2020











Fri Mar 6	7:00pm - 8:00pm	CHL - 68 Jaques Ave - Worcester - 3rd Floor - OPEN DATE
Mon Mar 9	7:00pm - 8:00pm	CHL - 68 Jaques Ave - Worcester - 3rd Floor - OPEN DATE
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	MYR - 26 Queen Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Tue Mar 10	7:00pm - 8:00pm	MYR - 26 Queen Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Wed Mar 11	7:00pm - 8:00pm	CHL - 68 Jaques Ave - Worcester - 3rd Floor - OPEN DATE
Fri Mar 13	7:00pm - 8:00pm	CHL - 68 Jaques Ave - Worcester - 3rd Floor - OPEN DATE
Fri Mar 20	7:00pm - 8:00pm	CHL - 68 Jaques Ave - Worcester - 3rd Floor - OPEN DATE
Mon Mar 23	7:00pm - 8:00pm	CHL - 68 Jaques Ave - Worcester - 3rd Floor - OPEN DATE
Fri Mar 27	7:00pm - 8:00pm	CHL - 68 Jaques Ave - Worcester - 3rd Floor - OPEN DATE
Mon Mar 30	7:00pm - 8:00pm	MYR - 26 Queen Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE
Tue Mar 31	7:00pm - 8:00pm	MYR - 26 Queen Street - Worcester - OPEN DATE

Independence Hall - Shrewsbury

 Administrator

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Tue Mar 10	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Thu Mar 12	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Fri Mar 13	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 14	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Thu Mar 19	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Fri Mar 20	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Tue Mar 24	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Thu Mar 26	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Fri Mar 27	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 28	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Independence Hall - 59 South Street - Shrewsbury - OPEN DATE 

Spring Hill Recovery - Ashby

[?](#) Administrator

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March 2020

Sun Mar 1	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Tue Mar 3	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Wed Mar 4	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Thu Mar 5	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Sat Mar 7	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Sun Mar 8	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Wed Mar 11	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Tue Mar 17	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Wed Mar 18	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Sat Mar 21	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Sun Mar 22	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Tue Mar 24	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Wed Mar 25	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕
Sat Mar 28	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Spring Hill Recovery - 250 Spring Hill Road - Ashby - OPEN DATE ↕

Sunrise Detox Millbury

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March 2020

Sat Mar 7	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sunrise Detox - 29 N Main Street - Millbury - OPEN DATE ↕
Thu Mar 12	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sunrise Detox - 29 N Main Street - Millbury - OPEN DATE ↕
Sat Mar 14	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sunrise Detox - 29 N Main Street - Millbury - OPEN DATE ↕
Thu Mar 19	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sunrise Detox - 29 N Main Street - Millbury - OPEN DATE ↕
Thu Mar 26	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sunrise Detox - 29 N Main Street - Millbury - OPEN DATE ↕
Sat Mar 28	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sunrise Detox - 29 N Main Street - Millbury - OPEN DATE ↕

Washburn Detox

 Administrator












Calendars

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DETOX-March

EXTENDED CARE

March 2020

Sun Mar 1	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Extended Care - 1398 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 7	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Mon Mar 9	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Tue Mar 10	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 14	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Sun Mar 15	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Extended Care - 1398 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Mon Mar 16	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Mon Mar 23	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Tue Mar 24	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 28	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Detox - 1183 Main Street - OPEN DATE 
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Washburn Extended Care - 1398 Main Street - OPEN DATE 

Westborough Behavioral Hospital










 Administrator

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DUAL DIAGNOSIS - ADULT

March 2020

Sun Mar 1	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 7	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sun Mar 8	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 14	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sun Mar 15	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 21	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sun Mar 22	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sat Mar 28	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 
Sun Mar 29	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Westboro Behavioral Hospital - 300 Friberg Pkwy, Westboro - OPEN DATE 

70th General Service Conference Committees

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- C. Review workshop topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2019 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Review the 2019 January conference call participant survey results.
- F. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- G. Discuss the General Service Conference schedule.

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."
- B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.
- D. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
 - 1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.
 - 2. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.
 - 3. Consider draft language related to the "virtual basket."
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2021 or later.
- B. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- C. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey.
- D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other..."
- E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."
- F. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.
- G. Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.
- H. Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions.

VI. Literature

- A. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- B. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- C. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- D. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- F. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.
- G. Review draft update of the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
- H. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in *Living Sober* and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- I. "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet:
 - 1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
 - 2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."

- J. A.A.W.S. Policy:
 - 1. Review "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials" approved in January 2020.
 - 2. Review proposed "A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format."
- K. Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.
- L. Consider requests to revise the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*:
 - 1. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" as an appendix in the next printing.
 - 2. Revise the first 164 pages.
- M. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*:
 - 1. Develop a Fifth Edition.
 - 2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
 - 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* at the time it is published.
- N. Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- O. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
- P. Consider requests to revise the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*:
 - 1. To remove the phrase "opposite sex" from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter "Step Twelve."
 - 2. To reconsider use of the phrase "lustful enough to rape" in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter "Step Six."
- Q. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet *Living Sober*.
- R. Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
- S. Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."
- T. Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship":
 - 1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.
 - 2. Expand the section on "Service Sponsorship" and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

- U. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."
- V. Review recovery literature matrix.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Consider a proposed process for approving observers to the U.S./Canada General Service Conference.
- B. Consider implementing electronic voting for trustee elections.
- C. Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- D. Consider continuing the review of dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager.
- E. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- F. Consider a proposed process for equitable distribution of Conference committees' workload.
- G. Review the Floor Action process.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2019 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Discuss a progress report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide app.
- C. Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
- D. Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the use of Google AdWords/Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- E. Discuss a request to adjust all A.A.W.S. video titles for search engine optimization (SEO).
- F. Review a report regarding the 2020 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- G. Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets.
- H. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review the 2019 Report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements."
 - 2. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."
 - 3. Review a report regarding the new financial reporting system for PSA media valuations.

- 4. Review a progress report on the development of two PSAs.
- I. Discuss a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media.
- J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast.
- K. Review "A.A. Triennial Membership Survey" report.
- L. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- B. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)
- C. Consider restoring the two paragraphs and the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference.
- D. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.
- E. The A.A. Service Manual, 2020-2022 Edition.
 - 1. Review the draft and the agenda items that were forwarded to Publishing during the period of the redesign project.

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Discuss the report on the review of materials related to Bridging the Gap activities.
- B. Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.
- C. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic."
- D. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Accessibilities Committee Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. West Central Regional Trustee
 - 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Consider the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."

XII. Archives

- A. Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
- B. Discuss upcoming 2020 International Convention.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.